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POWERS.
 Friday and Saturday, Hermann
 THE GRAND.
 All week, A Heroine in Rags
 SMITH.
 All week, Vaudeville

WEATHER.
 Washington, Jan. 24.—For Lower Michigan—Snow; cold wave; northwesterly winds.

STOPPED THE CARS.
 By the stoppage of the return or negative current used in conjunction with the motive power of the street railway service all traffic on the street railway lines was suspended early last evening. The inconvenience resulting to the public was very great, for the condition of the streets forbade any extended pilgrimages from home and consequently many anticipated pleasures were ruthlessly shattered. Persons residing in the outskirts of the city, or on streets quite remote from the business center were obliged to remain at home to join in such diversions as wife and family might provide for the evening. The streets were deserted and the city seemed to have taken a brief vacation to give the cold snap a chance to "show out" before resuming business. The suspension served to illustrate the unity and almost indispensable co-operation of our superb street railway system. From the hour the current was first turned on there has been no interruption to travel over the lines, and the public had become so familiar with the company's prompt and regular service that its faults have been made the subject for many criticisms, while its virtues have been accepted in a spirit of subservience. During the long continued cold weather and the accumulation of snow on the streets, some of the principal thoroughfares have been made disagreeable by the use of salt on its tracks in order that the street cars might be operated. Many persons have thought it fair to condemn the Street Railway company without taking cognizance of the existence of inconveniences and the fact that winter brings more disagreeable things than meanly snow-covered, slush-laden streets. After last night's experience the complaining ones will probably shade the disagreeable features of winter street travel. It is believed that the break will be repaired in time to resume service this morning.

ANOTHER APPORTIONMENT.
 There is said to be a scheme on foot to set aside the present congressional apportionment to substitute one more fairly and equitably distributing the political strength of the two parties. The very grounds stated are sufficient to discourage the consummation of such a plan. The republicans can ill afford to relinquish the democratic by arranging the congressional districts to make a mere party gain in the delegation. The people will resent any attempt to foist upon them another gerrymander. It is not essential to the success of the republican party in this state that arbitrary advantage shall be used to cripple the minority. An illustration of the un-American character of such procedure is furnished in the dinner bill. If the state shall be redistricted the duty of the legislature will be to apportion representation on the basis of population and geographical contiguity. The practice of associating counties together for the purpose of making its political majority certain for either party is wholly and inexcusably contrary to the spirit of the law. It is understood that the new scheme contemplates the fixing of Kent, Barry and Kalamazoo as the fifth district. Such a combination will produce a republican congressman under normal conditions, but the relative strength of the two parties, in times of local excitement and enthusiasm, will make the congressional election more a matter of uncertainty than under the present arrangement. The bill has not yet been noticed in the legislature, nor is it indeed fully prepared, but it is understood to embrace many equally radical changes.

LINCOLN CLUB BANQUET.
 Every indication points to the magnificent success of the coming Lincoln day banquet. The venerable and beloved ex-Governor Blair whose name is inseparably associated with one of the most notable periods of Michigan's history, has consented to be present on the occasion. The dear old patriot has now well up to the allotted span of man's life and the infirmities of age have bowed his once stalwart form and whitened his hair. Although feeble a body and tottering under the weight of years he retains all the virile strength of his remarkable mind and his voice is as clear and resonant as when in the dark days he abjured his countrymen to rally for his flag. He will be able to recall the triumphs of war and of peace, won for the nation by the party with which he is proud to be affiliated. Among the noted republicans to be present are General Alger, Governor Kitch, ex-Governor Lane and the Hon. Hiram S. Dugan of Detroit. The club has made arrangements to begin in keeping with the character of the celebration. Every detail is in the hands of competent

men and when the doors to the banquet hall shall be thrown open, nothing will remain to be done to make it a success. The initial banquet will serve as an introduction to a series of the banquet to be held every year, so long as the republican party has an intelligent following in this community. Every republican having an interest in the perpetuity of the party and in the cause of good government will lead his presence and aid to make the banquet a memorable one.

SURETY MANIPULATION.
 It now appears that the typewriting firm that paid \$10,000 for the first souvenir half dollar was not so anxious to possess the coin as it was to secure the concession for the exclusive use of its typewriter on the world's fair grounds. It is reported that when the concession was offered to the highest bidder a lively and determined competition ensued, which resulted in a bid from a Syracuse firm far above the amount other firms dared to consider. The amount was unknown, but the other bidders declined to venture further bids for fear that their failure to secure the privilege would militate against them. Just at this time the bidding contest for the first souvenir coin was opened. A young man arrived in Chicago and at once ascertained the limit of bids for the coin. It is said that he coolly offered to pay \$10,000 for the coin on condition that he be permitted to examine the bids for the world's fair typewriter concession. The condition was accepted, he deposited a certified check, and a few days later the typewriter concession was sold to the firm he represented. The value of this concession is immeasurably greater than the price paid for it and the coin. No other typewriters will be allowed on the ground, and the advertising this favored one will receive by its use in all the offices and departments of the great exposition will be worth infinitely more than the original cost. While the plan pursued to secure the concession is reprehensible, if the facts be as stated, still it seems to be in line with certain of the policies pursued by the management. It seems to be an unwritten gospel with the world's fair management that its first duty is to bleed everything and everybody.

Now the women managers of the world's fair wish to have souvenir quarters issued which shall bear the portrait of Queen Isabella. That's a good scheme. Then we ought to have some souvenir dime immortalizing that traditional egg, and some souvenir nickels bearing the likenesses of the first mate of the Santa Marie. A souvenir cent, with a kebab view of the first Indian Columbus caught sight of, would not be a bad idea either. So long as we are going into this souvenir coin business, we might as well go into it for keeps.

Born houses of congress adjourned out of respect to the memory of Justice Lamar. Business will be at a standstill in all departments until his remains are interred. How much prettier and more sensible it would be to pass appropriate resolutions of condolence and of regard and then proceed with the regular order of business. The practice of adjourning every time a public man dies robs the mark of respect intended to be paid of much of its solemnity and all of its sincerity.

What did Postmaster General Wamsutter mean when he said to the rich men at a New England dinner: "Use your money to establish great newspapers that shall not be afraid to speak the truth and stand by the truth, or to correct a mistake when they make one?" What city has need of such a newspaper as that? Where is there a city in which a perfectly fearless and truthful newspaper is yet wanting? The postmaster general should be more explicit in his remarks.

Andrew Carnegie is in New York conferring with Mr. Frick. If Mr. Carnegie does not wish to lose the little respect that the public may still retain for him, he will go to Home-land and confer with his men. The author of "Triumph Democracy" could not do less.

CORRUPT, the recently released convict who was serving a life term in Joliet prison for complicity in the murder of Dr. Cronin, will not be retried until forty persons awaiting trial shall be disposed of in the Chicago criminal courts. He will be an octogenarian before then.

SALT on the street car tracks may be a very annoying thing, but it's dollars to doughnuts that the man who had to walk a mile or so last night on account of the breakdown would willingly have seen the salt a foot deep if the cars could have ran.

PRESIDENT HARRISON is to be commended for his course in refusing to grant a pardon to bank-wrecker Harper. Mr. Harper is a criminal of one of the meanest types. There is no reason why he should not serve his full sentence and at the same time have his name blotted out of history.

When told that his wife had begun an action for divorce, a New York convict tried to hang himself in his cell. Had he been free he would have inquired as to the amount of alimony demanded and thought himself lucky to get off so easily.

While the democratic office seekers were concocting a scheme to retire Justice Lamar, and appoint as his successor some more active party worker, death kindly stepped in to save them the trouble and him the humiliation.

to have made of such a trip. She will best be heard of on the stage.
OVER in Wisconsin the democrats are having a three-cornered fight over the secretaryship. The candidates are Knight, Mitchell and Bragg. The outlook is that before Knight, Mitchell will Bragg over his success.

If profanity were heat all the snow in Grand Rapids would be melted this morning. The amount of swearing done over the failure of the street car service last evening was prolific, picturesque, and ponderous.

Is there anything that will kill the combine bacillus? It is said the American and United States Express companies have joined forces and will make life a wilderness of woe for the Adams.

It must make every inhabitant of Indiana dance with glee to know that a California man has been swindled in a "green goods" game.

SENATOR STEWART, the Nevada silver mine owner statesman, was re-elected yesterday in the Nevada legislature by a unanimous vote.

Now that the whisky trust has been dissolved the public will try patiently to endure the coal combine and the other monopolies.

AFTER yesterday's setback, Grand Rapids formally resigns any claim she may have to be called a winter resort.

LEROY has been discovered in Ohio. Ohio is beginning to learn what it means to be a democratic state.

It will soon be time to trot out candidates for the city offices.

No; the walking was not good.

STATE PRESS SENTIMENT.
 The republican Saginaw platform speaks in violent terms of condemnation of free passes, but republican legislators think they are quite handy and accept them with a "thank you, sir"—Graying Democrat.

St. Louis talks of a panorama showing thirty-seven miles of its new buildings as an attraction at the world's fair. Such an exhibition would stir up the wrath of the Windy City as an east wind setteth wild the temper of one who hath the gout.—Detroit Free Press.

In the midst of cabinet rumors un-identified it is well to remember that Mr. Cleveland's former official household contained no statemen who were fitted to go into the overshadowing business.—Detroit Tribune.

The amount of tattered bills presented at the United States treasury for redemption this month, has been unusually large. A new demonstration of the fact that the holidays use up money.—Adrian Times.

The Grand Rapids furniture dealers had made arrangements to make the finest display of goods in their line ever seen in the world, but the national commission assigned them only 2,500 feet and they have decided not to make an exhibit. This is to be regretted.—Kalamazoo Gazette.

The Panama canal investigation has disclosed to the 80,000 subscribers to the stock that about 700,000,000 francs designed for the enterprise were squandered or stolen. President Carnot appears to be coming out of the scandal with clean skirts.—Kalamazoo Telegraph.

ALLEGED TO BE FUNNY.
 "Have you read that posthumous poem of Bronson's? Yes. Death doesn't improve his style any."—Brooklyn Life.

A Baltimore doctor informs us that the use of starch food causes baldness. Of course this also explains the glaze.—Philadelphia Ledger.

The man who can play cards with his wife as a partner and never scowl during an entire evening may as well order his halo at once.—Boston Transcript.

Husband—"What in creation is that baby crying for?" Wife—"Nothing at all. He simply wants me to half kill myself looking after him. I'm going to name him after you."—New York Weekly.

Mother—"What did you do with that medicine the doctor left for you?" Small Boy—"I heard there was a poor sick boy in the back street, and I took it around and left it for him."—Good News.

The Judge—"You've been before this court several times, haven't you?" Thirsty Theodore—"Eight times." The Judge—"Well, how do you find it?" Thirsty Theodore—"Rather trying."—Boston Courier.

"Boys," he excitedly cried, as he rushed frantically among them, "I tell you I had a close shave just now!" "Where are they shaved?" "At my barber's," was the response; a dozen heads bowed and wept.—Sunny South.

HIT AND MISS BREVITIES.
 Ex-President Hayes, whose death was recorded yesterday morning, was a gentleman. He bore more and lower honors than any other man who ever occupied the presidency and perhaps perhaps George Washington, but he bore it like a gentleman.—Hartford Courant.

Nearly all the soldiers of the confederacy who are saying anything about General Butler are saying a good word for him. The home guards are the only ones who are throwing mud at him.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The day that results in returning Eugene Hale, Joseph R. Hawley and Henry Cabot Lodge to the United States senate cannot be said to have been wholly lost to the republican party and the cause of good government.—New York Press.

The spectacle of Jerry Simpson trucking back to Washington with a big hole in his bonnet, through which the senatorial head is exposed is a pleasant thing for lovers of a picturesque Kansas.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Mr. Cleveland has given fresh offense to Democrats of the blue by attending the funeral of ex-President Hayes. This act is not one of formal courtesy, but springs from a genuine feeling of friendship between the two men, who had come to know each other intimately and with mutual respect and esteem.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

This is the coldest winter New England ever saw, by mutual consent, until the man comes along who kept a diary away back in 1887.—Boston Globe.

Sam Emmit, the negro minstrel man who wrote "Dime," it is said is still living, but poverty-stricken.

FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN.
 Your gown need not be short-waisted, but to be just right it is not short at the waist it must be all soft straight lines from the shoulders to the waist. There must be some kind of a bertha effect of lace, embroidery or ruffles that drapes the shoulders and follows somewhat the line of the top of the bodice. Of course this style is not a hardship. It presents a very effective and easy way of renovating an old waist into modern prettiness. Lace is not expensive these days, or, at least we are not so exacting as we used to be, the beauty of machine-made lace having converted most of us to the new effects. As for colors, you need not be a bit afraid of people thinking you have not odds and ends together, no matter how you mix up colors. For instance, the dress of the



picture is all mauve satin but the belt and the train. The bodice is quite hidden by a deep bertha of lace. You may use lace as fine as you have and as rich and as old, or you may use a pretty modern lace. If you have enough put a ruffle of it around the front of the skirt. The train of the dress is of velvet in that lovely shade of red that has lately rivaled the flowers, and it is lined with mauve satin. A broad belt of the same shows below the lower edge of the lace on the bodice. The mauve of the bodice merely betrays itself in tint through the meshes of the lace, and in a little point in the front where the bertha dips towards the belt in its slant from the shoulders. Mauve and purple together in a queer combination to think about, but you need not fear. You have a beautiful gown for precedent, and what more do you want? A clear pink silk, perhaps, soft gold hair, a very slender form and long reach from the knees to the waist.

HINTS FOR FURNISHING.
 Willow chairs require only soap and water, with a good scrub brush to make them look like new. Let the soap be good, the water warm, and give a good rinsing to remove all traces of soap. Do not dry, but leave in the air until well drained. Then remove to their place in the house and your friends will ask where you bought your new chairs. Marble is a very difficult article to clean if it stands in such a way that the stain has sunk into the stone. Slight stains may be easily removed with a pumice stone or with vigorous scrubbing. Greasy stains are best removed with a paste of fuller's earth applied the same way it is to wall paper. It is said that stains of ink on marble may be removed by hydrochloric acid, which is a powerful poison, and must be washed off with water almost as soon as it is applied to prevent its eating into the stone.

CARMEN SYLVA A RAPID WORKER.
 Carmen Sylva is a rapid worker, writing quickly with a fountain pen and tearing off the finished sheets from the pad with almost feverish eagerness. Her idea is that everything a writer does should represent the actual impression at the moment of writing, and her ideas crowd each other sometimes until they lack finish. The most remarkable thing about her work is the acute consciousness which she, a princess born and a queen, shows of the miseries and hardships of the poor. It is the gift of divination and inspiration that lifts her above the ordinary writer to the plane of the poet.—New York Sun.

WHAT KIND OF VEILS TO WEAR.
 Veils are generally considered an improvement to even a pretty woman's looks, but—and such an expressive word!—it is not. In the first place don't buy a veil, because it looks well on the shop girl who tries it on. The coarse net veils are trying to the most delicate skin, and surely a well wrinkled one on the forehead, like a stage old woman's make-up, or with a chenille dot just at the top of the nose, is not beautiful. It is the little attention to details that makes a graceful dresser.

AMERICAN WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE FLAG.
 At first glance it seems to be an American flag. The stripes are all there and so is the blue background. But the forty-four stars are wanting, and in their place is inscribed on the blue ground the name "Wyming." It is the suffrage flag, and while thus far only one star recognizes completely the political equality of women, still the association has left a trace on their flag for other stars as other states fall in line.—Washington Star.

REASON OF THE RUCKLE.
 Buckles galore, until one almost wonders of the length of them. They catch up dresses, garters, and belts, and "stays" for lapses of ribbon, and "hold" of lace, and are the foremost conspicuous ornament on much of this season's millinery. A small buckle on a "dressed" house shoe is invariably graceful, and the enormous variety in the present buckle market discourages one from attempting a description.

PARLOR FAVORS.
 One of the newest parlor favors for luncheon is a little water jar, its contents consisting of water by a perforated cover, at one side of which there is a space for flowers. The jar is filled by a large funnel of the dark paragon violet so much sought for this season, so that the little jar appears to be filled with flowers, though the mixture of water really conceals a supply of choice bouquet.

POINTS TO YOUNG MEN.
 The young wife who can make the man she loves believe she does not know even the meaning of worry is making trouble that will stand her in better stead than any other honeymoon withers.

ONE OF CRANSTON'S DEVICES.
 Chas. E. Craton is full of devices, and one of the latest is "Dime," it is said is still living, but poverty-stricken.

a spider web net and all in the meshes were the pretty willing articles. A brown-covered, young girl made a fascinating spider and over the top read, "Come into my parlor."

ABOUT THE "ANDALOUSE."
 A pretty little mouse for wearing over dresses made with the huge sleeves now so much in vogue is known as the "Andalouse," and is made in black velvet, richly embroidered in jet and iridescent beads. It is bordered all around, a la Figaro, with small red and black balls.

HAT PINS A HARVEST FOR THIEVES.
 Hat pins have become so elaborate that thieves court them. Numerous instances have occurred of women's being rifled while they were on their heads.

ITEMS ABOUT WOMEN.
 Mrs. Carlie, according to a Washington letter in the Boston Transcript, has for years been her husband's chief counselor and helper. "I've men," says this writer, "ever lived who owed more to a woman than he to Mrs. Carlie, and she has always been intensely ambitious for him."

It is not often that the czar decorates a ballet dancer. He did so recently in the case of Mile. Ogoliet, upon whom he conferred a gold medal, to be worn with the ribbon of St. Vladimir, for having saved the life of a peasant girl who tried to drown herself in the river Ordeja.

Nenno and Ames Elton of Vineland, N. J., celebrated their diamond wedding the other day, having been married seventy-five years. They are aged respectively 95 and 92 years and retain possession of all their faculties.

The annual visit, for long periods, of the Duchess of Edinburgh to Russia is explained by the knowledge that under the czar's administration she would lose a good part of her dowry were she to forego them.

The Baroness von Levotzow will celebrate her nineteenth birthday February 4 at Izvolsky castle, in Bohemia. It was she with whom Goethe fell madly in love and it was she who refused him.

POINTS ABOUT MEN.
 The theatrical profession of Paris feels highly honored by the nomination of M. Laroche, the comedian, to be a member of the legion of honor. A committee from the Comedie Francaise called upon the minister of public instruction and thanked him for his action.

Dr. Jenkins, the health officer of New York, is a Mississippian and graduate of the Oxford university. He came north about twelve years ago, and had what is accounted the good fortune of marrying Richard Croker's sister.

The memorial tablet to James Russell Lowell is to be erected in Westminster abbey will be of marble and have a life-size portrait.

Senator Puffer is down for a speech in the senate in the limitation of the presidential term.

Gladstone wrote a tragedy when he was a young man, but it was never played.

Mark Twain is fond of cats, and has one named Satan and another called Sm.

Like Garfield, Governor Lewellyn of Kansas was in his youth a canal boy.

CANNOT BE ANSWERED.
 Editor HERALD—Ought not the street car company to try to be accommodating when it does not cost them anything?

Why should one be able to go from the extreme southern part of the city to Reed's Lake for 5 cents and yet pay double fare to go only a few blocks north-east—or on the Lafayette avenue line?

Why should one be obliged, in the extreme cold, to stand from five minutes to one-half hour waiting for a transfer car? Why not wait toward or from the car one wishes to take and not stand in the cold? Would it not be well, if one is obliged to transfer at a certain point only, for the street car company to build and warm a waiting room somewhere and make all transfer there?

If one can take either of two cars in transferring why not punch the transfer ticket for both lines and then the car which comes first can be taken?

State News in Brief.
 Kalamazoo sports arranged a dog fight for Sunday, but the wife of one of the owners feared her dog would get killed so she "tipped off" the police.

The University of Wisconsin has accepted the challenge of the University of Michigan to debate on March 31 on some subject yet to be selected.

Frank M. Hawthorn, who traveled for a Detroit cigar firm, committed suicide by taking morphine at Fenton Monday.

Mrs. Mary, wife of A. B. Judson, died Monday, aged 72 years. Mrs. Judson met with a fall from her golden wedding anniversary day two weeks ago, her hip being fractured.

Burglars cracked the supervisors' safe at Onsted Sunday and got enough to make the owner of the safe smile.

J. K. Stevens, a Saginaw real estate man, has disappeared, leaving \$20,000 in debts behind him.

Jack, the Kentuckian, is glaring half the Sacramento to death by entrancing them on the street.

The Hillside branch of Lake Shore & Michigan Southern will be extended to Belleville.

Erick Kangas, the murderer of Dr. Melchior, has been sentenced for life at Marquette.

"That idea of dividing Kent county seems a strange one to me," said the Hon. Aaron Clark of Calumet in the morning yesterday afternoon. "I don't see any excuse for it. Of course Kent is a large county, but we always manage to get along very well. Every township is proud of Grand Rapids, and proud to be in the same county. The demand for a division of the county of there be any—certainly would not come from the township."

While Anne Lewis was doing her dance in "A Student's Mate" the opening of a rift in Cincinnati, one of her supporters fell off and landed in the lap of a gentleman in the parquet. The gentleman in question, claimed to be the largest manufacturer of ladies' foot-wear in Cincinnati, and as he was a most modest man and did not, however, he failed to return the appropriate compliment, but the next day returned to Mrs. Lewis with a polite note of apology, saying that the little incident had given him an idea, and that he had designed a new style of slipper especially for dancers and one that was warranted not to come off during the dance, and that he had taken the liberty to christen it the Lewis slipper in honor of the lady in question.

NEWS OF THE HOTELS.

The senate committee on asylums arrived in the morning yesterday. The members were on their way from Kalamazoo to Traverse City. The committee consisted of Senators John St. John, Joseph, Howard of Kent, Hough of Wayne, Brundage of Muskegon and Champion of Ingham.

"We have carefully inspected the Traverse City asylum," said Senator St. John, who is chairman of the committee. "The state board of charities made certain recommendations and so far as possible we shall carry them out."

We found the asylum in fairly good condition except in heating apparatus. That is in very bad condition. It costs twice as much to heat the asylum at Kalamazoo as it does the one at Pontiac, and almost twice as much as it does the one in Traverse City. We shall recommend that an appropriation of \$14,300 be made for new boilers and \$18,700 for a new boiler house. The old boilers are worthless and new ones should be purchased. The water system is on the same plan as the one at Pontiac was before the fire. It is no more efficient and we shall recommend the expenditure of \$18,000 for a new water tower. More room must be made in the asylum and we shall recommend the erection of a new cottage for the women. It will cost \$15,000. At present there are only seven or eight empty beds in the men's apartments and three or four in the women's. The erection of a new cottage for women will furnish sufficient room for the female patients, and the removal of the boilers from the men's building will make more room there. An appropriation of \$18,000 for an electric light plant has been asked for, but we have decided that is one of the less important of the asylum's present needs. If there is money enough we shall grant it. If not, it will be cut out."

The committee went to Traverse City on the afternoon G. & I. train yesterday.

"Kansas City will be the center of the world's packing industry in less than two years," said J. Ryder, a furniture dealer of that city at the Morton yesterday. "Armour is moving his interests from Chicago and is building a mammoth packing house in Kansas City. It will employ over 5,000 hands. Swift & Co. are enlarging their establishment, and it is a question of only a year or so until the great packing houses in the world are there. Kansas City holds the key to the great cattle country. Of the larger cities it is the most easy of access. The great ranges of Texas, Indian Territory, Kansas, Nebraska and the Missouri valley are all tributary to Kansas City. It is much easier to ship dead cattle and hogs east than it is live ones. The transportation of live stock from Kansas City to Chicago is an expensive matter. Hundreds of head die on the way and all of them lose in weight. By killing the stock in Kansas City all this is saved. Those are the reasons why it is bound to control the packing house business of the world."

"New Hampshire will have thousands of acres of timber when Michigan's supply is exhausted," said F. L. Salisbury of Kennebec in the Morton yesterday. "We are doing the best we can to save our trees. Hundreds of acres of young trees are set out every year, and it is against the law to cut any timber until it has reached a certain size. Wholesale slaughtering is prohibited, and when a tract of timber land is cut

the young trees are left to grow. When a man clears a tract for farming purposes he always leaves a margin of trees along the road. Every thoroughfare to New Hampshire is shaded, and in summer the roads become a kind of canopy. Some day Michigan will regret that she has allowed her timber to be burned and has made no effort to have young trees planted, and thus to partially replenish the thousands of acres that have been hacked down and burned. A country without trees possesses little beauty for me, and I don't believe it does for anybody else either."

John H. McCurdy of Cornhusk is a guest in lawers. Mr. McCurdy is a son of John McCurdy, grand master of the national grand lodge of Knights Templars. Notwithstanding the fact that he is the son of so distinguished a mason, Mr. McCurdy does not belong to any secret society. "I am among the persons interested in the Cornhusk coal mine," he said last night. "The company will be incorporated next week. The mining is done by machinery, one machine doing the work of twelve or fifteen men. The apparatus is run by compressed air. It saws into the vein and the chunk of coal is blasted out. About twenty carloads are being mined daily. The vein is about five feet thick and the coal is of very good quality. It is better than that mined at Jackson or Bellevue. I think the mine can be operated successfully."

Grand Rapids was very well supplied with legislative committees yesterday. Four of them struck the city, but the city still lives. The house and senate committees on the state fish hatchery arrived early in the morning. The senate committee that is inspecting the state asylums arrived in the afternoon, and the house committee to inspect the soldiers' homes arrived late in the evening. The following members are guests at the Morton: Representatives Sumner of Kalamazoo, Croppen of Oakland, Bennett of Muskegon, Kingland of Berrien, and Rose of Ogemaw. The committee will inspect the soldiers' home this evening.

"We are putting in about 5,000,000 feet of barbed wire this winter, and have had no trouble from the snow yet," said A. S. Rose of Rose City, at the Morton yesterday. "About the only thing that is left for east shore lumber men is hard wood. The pine is all cut out. From Saginaw bay north there is very little—so little that one can hardly call it lumbering to cut it. All or nearly all of the Saginaw mills now get their pine from Canada. It can be rafted much cheaper than the lumber can be shipped, and the mill men have the refuse for use in making sawdust."

Three members of the state fish commission, together with members of the senate and house committees, were guests in the Kent yesterday on their way to Paris to inspect the state fish hatchery. The party consisted of Herchel A. Whitaker, W. D. Marks and George D. Muzzey of Detroit; Senators Gilbert of Arenac, Macgregor of Oceana, Crane of Genesee, McKinley of Saranac and Gibson of Wayne; Representatives Anderson of Kent, McKinstry of Muskegon and Wiley of Van Buren.

Mr. Edmunds of Vermont is said to have been almost the only exception to the rule that the supreme court practice of a lawyer soon dwindles after he becomes a United States senator.

Children, I read here in this book that if you would keep your children out of the dirt, shine their shoes and if your feet are nicely cared for, your mind should be brushed up.

ON JANUARY 25, 1893.

Robert Burns, Scotland's National poet, was born at Ayr.

Scottish societies everywhere will observe the anniversary with a ball and sing verses by the poet who has given lustre to the literature of Britain. He died in poverty. Could he have had the money afterwards realized by the sale of articles which he made valuable by using, he might have lived at his ease.

ON JANUARY 27,

they are going to publish a puzzle in the nature of an acrostic and will give to any one presenting the advertisement in which it appears, together with a cor-

rect solution of the puzzle, a discount of 10 per cent on anything in their House Furnishing Goods department. As this department contains all kinds of Tin Ware, Oil Cans, Lanterns, Mats, Carpet Sweepers, Feather Dusters, Stoves, heating and cook; Silver Ware, Ash Pans, Coal Hods, Rolling Pins, Plaited Mallets, Clothes Pins, and hundreds of other articles useful about the house, it will be a very nice thing for us to solve the puzzle and get the 10 per cent discount.

FOSTER STEERS

MONROE ST.